Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 27 Dec 2022 until 23:59 on Wednesday 28 Dec 2022

Forecast Issued on Monday 26 Dec 2022 at 15:51 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Tuesday. High for changeable weather to continue for the rest of the week, low confidence for detail from Wednesday onwards.

Headline for Tuesday 27 Dec 2022: Cold with sleet and snow spreading north in the afternoon. Icy surfaces.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 27 Dec 2022

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Heavy snow	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet
Precipitation probability							
30%	20%	10%	30%	80%	80%	40%	40%

Forecast for Tuesday 27 Dec 2022

Weather: A few snow showers in the north in the early hours, otherwise becoming dry. The day will start off dry but cloud and snow will spread northwards to Skye and southern Lochaber by the end of the morning. Snow will extend north to remaining areas for a few hours in the afternoon. Drier weather will follow on with a few wintry showers, although snow confined to summits above 900 metres along the west coast as the freezing level rises, but this less cold air not reaching remaining areas until mid-evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Best chance in the morning, low cloud down to 500 to 800 metres developing across the Cuillins by late morning, and becoming widespread by mid-afternoon. Cloud may be broken along some sheltered western coastal ranges from Assnyt northwards.

Low cloud and visibility: Very good with good air clarity in the morning, becoming poor in snow and cloud from the south in the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	26/32 W	23/28 SW	15/18 S	19/25 SE	30/40 SE	30/38 SE	30/37 S	31/40 S	28/37 SW
900	24/30 W	22/26 SW	14/17 S	19/24 SE	30/39 SE	28/36 SE	27/34 S	30/38 S	27/36 SW
600	15/21 W	13/18 SW	9/13 S	14/20 SE	22/32 SE	21/29 SE	17/24 S	19/28 S	17/26 SW
300	4/22 W	3/17 SW	2/9 S	5/16 E	8/27 E	7/23 SE	5/20 SE	8/27 S	7/25 SW
Glen	6/15 W	3/9 W	3/7 E	11/19 E	16/30 E	15/27 SE	11/24 S	11/25 S	11/23 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-5/-14	-6/-14	-5/-12	-5/-13	-4/-14	-3/-12	-2/-10	-1/-9	-1/-8
900	-5/-13	-5/-13	-5/-11	-5/-12	-4/-13	-2/-11	-1/-8	-0/-8	-0/-7
600	-3/-9	-3/-8	-3/-7	-2/-8	-2/-9	-0/-7	1/-5	2/-4	2/-3
300	-1/-4	-1/-3	-4/-6	-2/-5	-1/-5	0/-3	2/-1	3/-0	3/1
Glen	2/-1	1/-1	-2/-4	2/-3	2/-3	4/-0	5/2	6/3	6/4
Freezing Level*	200m	200m	100m	100m	300m	600m	900m	1000m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strong winds leading to blowing snow on the tops and severe wind chill. Note rising freezing level later in the day, but will rise to 1200 metres across Skye by mid-afternoon and other western coastal ranges thereafter.

Forecast for Wednesday 28 Dec 2022

Weather: A few snow showers overnight, otherwise dry in the morning. Thickening cloud will bring rain and snow north during the afternoon and evening, although some uncertainty into the timing of this.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 25 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Best chance in the morning, but cloud will lower onto the summits from the south as the afternoon progresses

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility in the morning with only small amounts of cloud on the tops. Cloud down to 700 metres will spread north in the afternoon, becoming widespread by evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 rising to 4 Celsius
At 800m: 0 Celsius
Freezing level: 800 to 1000 metres

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